NOTE XXX.

A NEW SPECIES OF THE MELOLONTHID GENUS APOGONIA

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Apogonia metasternalis, n. sp.

Easily recognizable by the semicircular impression on the middle of the metasternum, which impression is more distinct in the male than in the female.

Length 8,5—9,5 mm. — Oblongo-ovate, subparallel, glabrous, black, the elytra with a green or purple hue, the under surface and legs sprinkled with pale coloured bristles.

The face is deeply and closely punctured (the punctures larger and somewhat wider apart than those on the pronotum), and separated from the clypeus by a distinct suture which is preceded by a transverse smooth streak provided with some strong punctures; the clypeus itself strongly punctured, the punctures large and close together, the anterior margin narrowly reflexed, almost regularly rounded, very faintly truncate or emarginate in the middle; as the eyes lie in a lower level than the face, the inner orbit seems to be slightly thickened.

The punctuation on the pronotum is very even and dense; the anterior angles of the prothorax are acute but not prominent, the sides (viewed laterally) are much rounded behind the middle, and the posterior angles are very obtuse; the impressions at the basal margin, in front of the lateral angles of the scutellum, are very distinct. The scutellum is punctured, and has a smooth space at the base or a smooth line along the middle.

The elytra are covered with large and deep punctures; each elytron shows two very distinct narrow costae, the third (originating from the outside of the shoulder) being less distinct; along the sides are three rows of strong punctures, and the narrow space by which they are separated from the third costa bears on the basal half of the elytra a single row of similar punctures; the sutural interstice shows a regular row of fine but very distinct punctures; the costae, however, of which the second is triangularly enlarged at the base, are impunctate; the punctuation on the shoulders is obsolete.

The propygidium is very densely and rugosely, the pygidium very coarsely punctured, the latter bears some stiff hairs and shows a more or less distinct median keel.

The punctures on the sides of the prosternum are rather wide apart, on the sides of the metasternum they are close together, and on the abdomen they are the largest and pitlike, especially on the last segment. The basal segments of the abdomen are opaque. The anterior tibiae have three teeth of which the upper one is obsolete.

♂. The middle of the metasternum raised, the raised portion provided with a semicircular impression the open side of which is turned backward; the four basal joints of the tarsi thickened, those of the anterior pair broader.

♀. The middle of the metasternum less raised, the impression less distinct, the tarsi more slender.

Hab. Saigon. — A few specimens of both sexes in the Leyden Museum.

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